



during

RAMADAN 2024



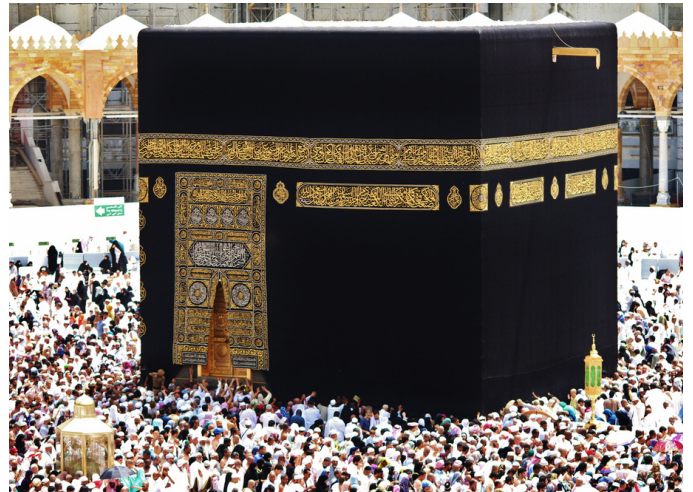
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DAY 1: SAT, 09 MAR

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam. It is where the prophet Muhammad was born and where Muslims believe the Qu'ran was revealed to him. Mecca is the holiest city in the eyes of Muslims. It is where all Muslims must travel to complete their Hajj, or pilgrimage, at one point in their lives.

Pray for strongholds over Saudi Arabia to be broken in the name of Jesus and for Muslims to have spiritual encounters with the living Christ, leading to repentance and rebirth.



DAY 2: SUN, 10 MAR

During Ramadan, Muslims are extra hospitable and friendly. This opens doors of opportunity for believers in Jesus to befriend them, to pray for them and to share the love of Jesus with them.

Pray for believers to boldly and lovingly share the Gospel with Muslims during Ramadan.

DAY 3: MON, 11 MAR

Indonesia is the most populous Muslim nation in the world, with 83.3% professing to follow Islam. Many Indonesian people groups remain unreached by the Gospel. According to Joshua Project, Indonesia has 787 people groups of which 240 (30.5%) remain unreached.

Pray that Muslims in Indonesia will be enlightened to the truth of Christ which leads to eternal life, and that the remaining unreached people groups will be exposed to the Gospel of truth.



DAY 4: TUES, 12 MAR

There are thousands of displaced Muslims seeking refuge around the world due to instability and violence within their home countries. These Muslim diasporas often relocate to Europe and the West.

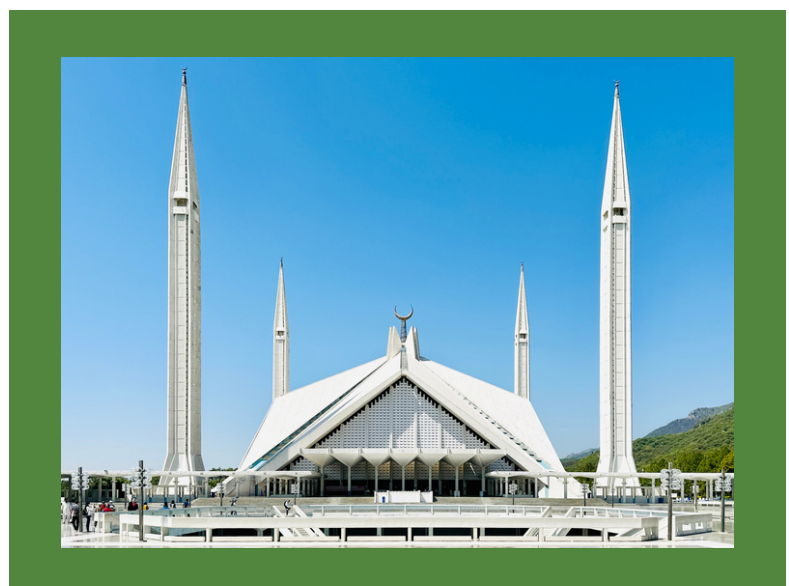
Pray for believers in Europe and the West to make use of these increased opportunities to love and share the Gospel with Muslim refugees in their own country.



DAY 5: WED, 13 MAR

Pakistan is home to over 239 million people of which 97.6% profess to be Muslim. Christians in this nation experience extreme levels of persecution. According to Open Doors, Christians from a Muslim background suffer the brunt of the persecution, both from radical Islamic ideologists and from families, friends and neighbours who see conversion as a shameful act of betrayal to family and community.

Pray for Muslims in Pakistan to experience the light of Christ, and for Christians to stand firm in their new identities in Christ.



DAY 6: THURS, 14 MAR

Ramadan is considered a time of self-denial, spiritual reflection, and community. Many Muslim friends and neighbours may have a heightened spiritual awareness and vulnerability as they seek the truth during this time. What they need deeply is to encounter the light of this world, Christ our risen Saviour.

Pray for Muslims around the world during this time of heightened spiritual awareness and vulnerability to encounter the only One who can truly save.



DAY 7: FRI, 15 MAR

Muslims make up about 89.8% of the Syrian population. The Syrian Constitution requires that the President be Muslim, although there is no official religion of the Syrian state. According to Open Doors, Syria has about 579,000 Christians, (2.8% of a population of 20.6 million). The number of Christians in the country continues to decrease, as many have fled conflict and persecution.

Pray for Muslims in Syria, including those in government, to experience the Prince of Peace.



DAY 8: SAT, 16 MAR

While most Muslims see Ramadan as a time of peace and spiritual renewal, over the past years there has frequently been an increase in attacks by Islamist extremists during the month of Ramadan.

Pray for those who carry out such violence to encounter Jesus and have their hearts changed by His love. Pray for the Lord's protection over His Children in this time.



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DAY 9: SUN, 17 MAR

Islam is practised by 86% of Egyptians. Most Egyptian Muslims are Sunni. Shi'a Muslims make up a small minority. Christians still live in a precarious situation regarding religious freedom and persecution. However, President al-Sisi and his government regularly speak positively about Egypt's Christian community which is mainly comprised of the Coptic Church.

Pray for a new boldness for Christians in Egypt and that Christ's love will shine through His children, drawing lost souls during Ramadan.



DAY 10: MON, 18 MAR

Islam is the world's second-largest religion after Christianity and is currently said to be the fastest-growing major religion in the world. During Ramadan this year, as followers of Christ, we have the privilege to invest in the Muslim world and the extension of God's Kingdom therein.

Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the Muslim world and for His glory to reign in their hearts.



DAY 11: TUES, 19 MAR

Islam is the official state religion of Afghanistan, with approximately 99.8% of the Afghan population being Muslim. Since the Taliban take over in 2021, strict rules and bans have been put in place especially with regards to women and their function in society.

Pray for women in Afghanistan to become dissatisfied with the current laws and in this find the perfect love found in Christ - a love that casts out all fear.



DAY 12: WED, 20 MAR

During Ramadan, Muslims go on a spiritual journey in search of truth, and they open themselves up – the evil one could use this as an opportunity to further blind them and leave them spiritually worse off and further away from the truth than they were before Ramadan.

Pray for the Lord's protection against attacks of the evil one on Muslims during Ramadan and that their eyes will be opened to the truth about who Jesus really is.



DAY 13: THURS, 21 MAR

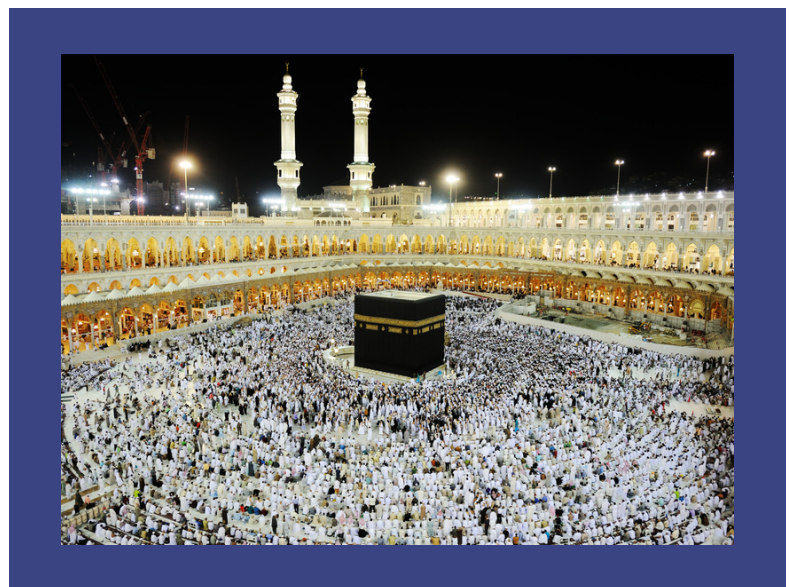
Lebanon remains the country hosting the largest number of refugees per capita and per square kilometre in the world. The government estimates 1.5 million Syrian refugees and 11,645 refugees of other nationalities to be living in Lebanon.

Pray that Christian workers in Lebanon will take advantage of this opportunity and reach out to Muslim refugees with the Gospel during Ramadan.

DAY 14: FRI, 22 MAR

From 14 - 19 June 2024, thousands of Muslims will make their way to Saudi Arabia for Hajj, where they will circle the Ka'aba, pray at Arafat, throw stones at Satan and fulfil all the requirements of the pilgrimage. But when it's all over, they will remain spiritually oppressed.

Pray for Muslims to experience the freedom and forgiveness only found in Jesus Christ.



DAY 15: SAT, 23 MAR

The vast majority of Iranians are Muslims of the Ithnā 'Asharī, or Twelver, Shia branch which is the official state religion. Conversion from Islam to Christianity is illegal in Iran, and anyone caught as a convert can be arrested and imprisoned. The authorities view conversion as an attempt by the West to undermine Islam and the Islamic government of Iran.

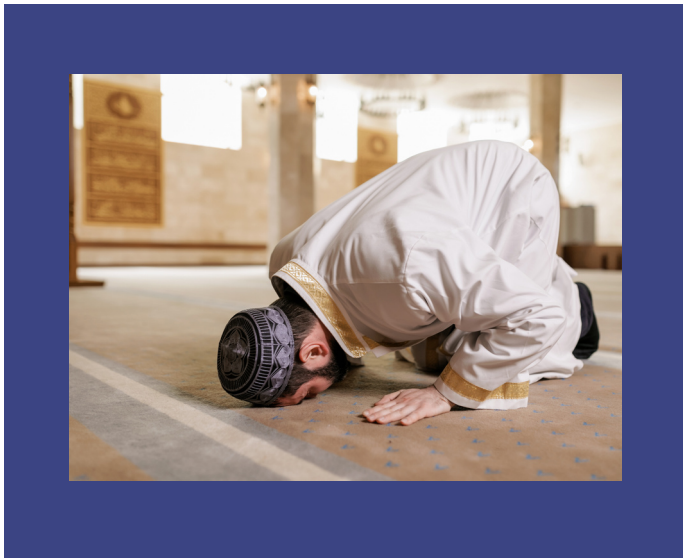
Pray for strongholds over Iran to be broken in the name of Jesus and for Muslims to encounter Jesus.



DAY 16: SUN, 24 MAR

When most people think about Muslim men, they tend to think of extremists and terrorists. We seldom think of them as loving fathers, devoted husbands, reliable providers or people earnestly seeking God's approval.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Muslim men to receive the love of Jesus and for them to have the courage to follow Jesus and to lead their families and communities to Christ.



DAY 17: MON, 25 MAR

Qatar is an Islamic nation that hosts many expatriate workers that come from many nations. Foreign Christians must be very careful when sharing their faith, as evangelising Muslims is strictly forbidden and can lead to prosecution and deportation.

Pray that Qataris at home and abroad would hear about Jesus. Pray for Christians who have taken employment opportunities to increase the presence of God's Kingdom in Qatar during Ramadan.



DAY 18: TUES, 26 MAR

In accordance with Islamic law, Muslims donate a fixed portion of their income to community members in need. Many rulers and wealthy Muslims build mosques, drinking fountains, hospitals, schools, and other institutions both as a religious duty and to secure the blessings associated with charity.

Pray that Muslims will come to the realisation of their spiritual poverty without Jesus and that God would transform them from the inside out.



DAY 19: WED, 27 MAR

Islam is the dominant religion of Somalia, practised by over 99% of the population. The militant Islamist group al-Shabaab controls much of southern and central Somalia and continues to hold influence in rural areas. According to Open Doors, church life in Somalia is non-existent, and in recent years the dangers facing Christians appear to have worsened.

This Ramadan, pray that those deceived by the enemy into committing terrorism might encounter Jesus who loves them and died on their behalf.



DAY 20: THURS, 28 MAR

During the daylight hours of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, all healthy adult Muslims are required to abstain from food and drink. During Ramadan they share the hunger and thirst of the needy as a reminder of the religious duty to help those less fortunate.

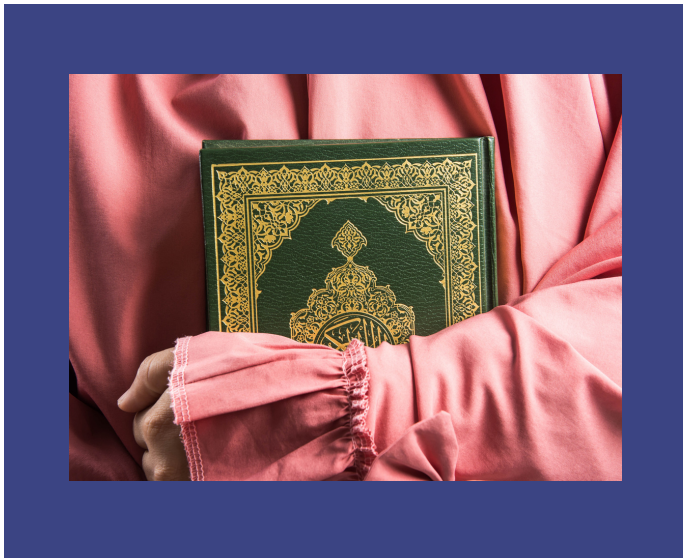
Pray that Muslims will hunger and thirst after true righteousness, knowing that only Jesus can truly satisfy.



DAY 21: FRI, 29 MAR

Yemen faces one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world. After eight years of conflict, the national socioeconomic systems of Yemen remain on the edge of total collapse, while conflict, large-scale displacement and recurring climate shocks have left families vulnerable to communicable disease outbreaks.

During Ramadan, pray that weary Muslims in Yemen would seek God with all their heart and find Jesus!



DAY 22: SAT, 30 MAR

Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power) is considered the holiest night of the year and is celebrated on the 23rd or 27th day of Ramadan (the annual commemoration varies throughout the Islamic world). It commemorates the night that the Qu'ran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

Pray that Muslims may encounter the true Word of God, Jesus Christ, on these pivotal nights.

DAY 23: SUN, 31 MAR

According to Open Doors, Eritrea has lingered in the top 10 of the World Watch List for years. It's known as the "North Korea of Africa" due to its intense authoritarian government. Christians who convert from Islam face the most pressure from family and community—but all Christians in Eritrea face intense scrutiny from the government, risking arrest and indefinite detention.

Pray for grace for Christian prisoners in Eritrea and those forced into the military against their will, that they would display the irresistible love of Jesus to all those whom they come into contact with during Ramadan.



DAY 24: MON, 01 APR

Muslims pray facing Mecca five times a day: at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and after dark. Prayer includes a recitation of the opening chapter (sura) of the Qur'an, and is sometimes performed on a small rug or mat used exclusively for this purpose.

Pray that as Muslims wholeheartedly seek truth through faithful acts of prayer, they would encounter the surpassing beauty and power of Jesus Christ.



DAY 25: TUES, 02 APR

Libya continues to be a place with very little political stability. Converts from Islam face the most intense and violent pressure from their families and communities. Libya is also among the main departure points for migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea and enter Europe with the hope of starting a better life. Many of these boats never make it to their destination.

During Ramadan, pray that the eyes of Muslims' hearts would be enlightened in order that they may know the One with whom true hope lies.



DAY 26: WED, 03 APR

The belief that "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah" is central to Islam. This phrase, written in Arabic, is often prominently featured in architecture and on a range of objects, including the Qur'an. One becomes a Muslim by reciting this phrase with conviction.

Pray for Muslims to experience the limitless love of the One true God - Yahweh.



DAY 27: THURS, 04 APR

The Boko Haram (an Islamic jihadist organisation) insurgency in northeast Nigeria is responsible for the highest number of lives lost in Africa in the past decade. Open Doors reports that more believers are killed for their faith in Nigeria each year than everywhere else in the world combined.

Pray for organisations that work with child soldiers to find effective ways to rescue these children from the grip of Boko Haram. Pray for breakthrough in Nigeria.



DAY 28: FRI, 05 APR

South Africa is a Christian majority nation with Islam being a minority religion, practiced by roughly 1.6% of the total population. Cape Town is home to a large population of Somali and Cape Malay Muslims.

Pray for imams in South Africa to have a desire to read, study and understand the message of the Bible. Pray for the Somali and Cape Malay people to have divine encounters with Jesus. Pray for those who faithfully work in these areas.



DAY 29: SAT, 06 APR

Devastating conflict broke out in Sudan in April 2023 and has threatened to further undermine the positive steps made towards religious freedom following the ousting of Omar al-Bashir in 2019. The crisis stems from a power struggle between the National Army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Thousands of people have been killed and nearly 6 million displaced. More than 165 churches have closed and others have been destroyed.

Pray for the Sudanese wherever they find themselves to discover the One who truly comforts and cares for them - having written them on the palm of His hands.



DAY 30: SUN, 07 APR

According to Open Doors, the Islamic extremist insurgency that devastated the north of Mali in 2012 continues to have huge implications for the country's small population of Christians. Churches have been burned down and many Christians have lost their homes and had to flee the region.

Pray for Muslims in Mali to experience the bread of life, Jesus, who can satisfy the hunger of their souls.



DAY 31: MON, 08 APR

During Ramadan, Muslims must fast from dawn to sunset each day, meaning they can only eat in the morning and at night. Eid al-Fitr "the breaking of the fast" is the first time Muslims can eat during daylight hours after fasting for the entirety of Ramadan. It is commemorated by a large, community-wide prayer service in the morning, followed by meals and conversation with friends and family. We encourage you to keep praying for Muslims even after Ramadan comes to an end and to intentionally make friends with Muslim people.

Pray for Christian workers in Muslim majority nations to be strengthened and to remain faithful to the calling of God on their lives, despite opposition or discouragement. Pray for organisations focused on seeing effective discipleship programmes among Muslim people. Pray and ask God to continue to inspire you to have His heart for Muslims, to see them as He does, and to be the light that leads them to Jesus.

"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son in the Muslim world and fulfil through Him the prayer of Abraham your friend, 'O, that Ishmael might live before you.' For Jesus' sake. Amen."

Extract from a prayer prayed in 1923 by Samuel M. Zwemer (1867-1952), a graduate of Hope College, a professor at Princeton and "The Apostle to Islam."